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Remarks

Claims 1 – 37 are cancelled hereby, subject to Applicants reserving their right to file a divisional application containing one or more of these claims.

Amendments of an editorial nature, such as correcting capitalization, are made to claims 38 and 39. Claims 40 and 41 have been amended to incorporate the base claim from which they depended, and new claims 42 – 49 are added to incorporate the embodiments of original claims 2 – 5 as dependent claims of 40 and 41. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action, claims 38 and 39 were held allowable. Claims 40 and 41 were objected to as being dependent on a base claim. These claims should now be allowable, as they now incorporate the base claim (claim 1). In addition, the new claims 42 – 49 should be allowable as corresponding the original claims 2 – 5.

It is respectfully requested that claims 38 – 49, all of the pending claims, be allowed and that this application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes any issues remain that could be resolved by telephone, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

No fee is due with this paper, as it is being submitted prior to the three-month shortened statutory period. If any fees are deemed due in this application, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2715.

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Finally, please note that the undersigned's name has changed since our last response. Please takes such steps as are necessary to effect this change in the records.

Respectfully submitted,



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